

ED/Chairman's Report: Thursday, October 24, 1996

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Call on Margit.

2. Public Comments.

PAT: This is the time for comments from the public on any matter not on tonight's agenda.

3. Minutes of September 26, 1996 Meeting.

Needs MOTION and SECOND: Voice Vote only.

4. Chairman's Report.

\* Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jean Harvie Community Center. I understand there may be some attendance conflicts with CSAC and I have a BDAC meeting in Southern California. Please let staff know if you will not be available. Also, please note the November and December meetings are the third Thursday of the month.

5. Attorney General's Report.

Call on Rick Frank.

6. Executive Director's Report.

Recreation Study/Dave Cox at Department of Parks and Rec: Have mailed out all 20,000 of the letters; will bring a report on those early findings to the Commission in January. The full questionnaire will be mailed out during the next months; those results will be brought to you later.

10% Penalty Fund: As of end of September 1996: \$2,103.10

CALFED: Will hold a one day workshop on Habitat vision on Tuesday November 19.

Factoids:

\* Cosumnes Preserve has printed a Field Checklist of Birds of the Cosumnes River Preserve; partners include Department of Water Resources.

\* September/October Issue of Western Water is about the CALFED process; the issue is titled "Building a Delta Consensus".

\* New National Pumpout symbol to identify marinas and parks that have pumpout stations.

\* Locke: The County Redevelopment Agency has applied for a grant from Office of Historic Preservation, and was approved through the first round of applications. A grant is being sought to stabilize eight buildings and to develop a non-profit group.

\* Heather Fargo wrote an article on "Volunteering in California's State Parks".

\* FYI, the Deltakeeper has served notice of intent to sue to Port of Stockton and two tenants for 21,700 violations of the Clean Water Act by allowing contaminated stormwater to run off into the Chip Channel and the San Joaquin River.

Status of Local Government General Plans:

Good News, Solano County adopted its General Plan amendment on October 22, 1996.

San Luis Drain: San Joaquin County BOS approved a resolution this week calling on the Bureau of Reclamation to finish the San Luis Drain to keep polluted agricultural runoff out of the San Joaquin River and the Delta by sending the drainwater to the Pacific Ocean.

7. Pending Projects Memo:

PAT: The Pending Projects memo is for your information only. Are there any questions or comments about the pending projects memo?

8. Briefing and Possible Adoption of Position Regarding Proposition 204:

PAT: The Commission has agendized consideration of Proposition 204. First, we will receive advice from our legal counsel on the Commission's ability to take a position on this matter. Second, the Commission will receive a briefing from Linda Adams, who is lead consultant to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water. Ms Adams will also answer questions from the Commission. Margit, do you have anything to add?

MARGIT: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to let everyone know that I have placed at your places an excerpt from the voter pamphlet with more information about Proposition 204. There is no formal group or printed material opposing the Proposition.

CALL ON RICK.

CALL ON LINDA ADAMS; ALLOW QUESTIONS OF LINDA ADAMS.

Ask for comments from the audience.

Ask for Commission discussion.

(Note: there is no resolution prepared; motion should direct Chairman to submit a letter of support, subject to any conditions the Commission may want to add.)

Need Motion; Second and Voice Vote.

9. Consideration of Resolution of Appreciation for Assemblyman Hannigan.

PAT: At the last meeting I understand Commissioner Potter requested consideration of a resolution of appreciation for Assemblyman Hannigan. CALL ON MARGIT.

MARGIT: On the direction of the Commission, I prepared a brief resolution for your consideration. I want to add another whereas, "WHEREAS, Assemblyman Hannigan has served as the ex-officio member of the Delta Protection Commission representing the California State Assembly since the Commission's first meeting".

10. Briefing on In-Channel Islands and Waterside Berms.

PAT: Call on Margit.

MARGIT: This briefing was originally scheduled for August, but that meeting was canceled. The channel islands are topic of consideration in several different areas. First, CALFED has included protection and enhancement of habitat on channel islands as a "core" element of their program. Second, the Estuary Project has been sponsoring a work group in the Delta area focusing on channel islands. Third, DFG has been working on mitigation for impacts to habitat on levees, some of that mitigation has been on channel islands. What I'd like to do tonight is show you just a few slides of the projects on Staten Island. These projects are described on pages 3 and 4. A location map is attached. The purpose of the projects was to try different construction techniques along "edges"--on waterside berms and channel islands. I also have photos of the channel island work as it was being constructed so you can see the changes in the last two years. An update, on Tuesday, there was a site visit by boat of the in-channel island work team with the US Fish and Wildlife Service staff to discuss concerns about design of habitat enhancement projects.

PAT: Any questions of staff.

PAT: Any comments from the audience.

(NOTE: No action is agendized for this item.)

11. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Position of Support of "Coordination of Efforts to Promote the Conservation and Restoration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta In-Channel Islands."

PAT: Call on Margit

MARGIT: As a follow-up matter, you have before you a "statement" which was drafted by the SFEP's In-Channel Islands Work Group, and circulated through Us Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Fish and Game, and has the "blessing" of those agencies. The statement outlines the values of the in-channel islands and the desire of the signatories to support work to conserve and restore the islands. The Commission's position would not generate any financial responsibility and could be revoked at any time the Commission desired.

The Commission's plan includes recommendation R-3 which recognizes that:

Undeveloped channel islands provide unique opportunities for permanent wildlife habitat in the Primary Zone. A strategy should be developed to encourage permanent protection and management of the channel islands. Protection may include: acquisition, conservation easements, or memoranda of understanding. Management may include: protection from erosion, controlling human access, or habitat management such as planting native plants and removing exotic plants...

Becoming a signatory to the attached statement would be a first step toward implementation of the Commission's recommendation.

PAT: Are there any questions of staff?

Are there any comments from the public?

Motion; second; voice vote.

12. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Revised Work Plan and Budget for FY 96-97.

PAT: Earlier this year, the Commission adopted a budget and work program which covered the time until January 1, 1997, when the Commission was slated to sunset. Now that the Commission has been extended, we need to consider a new budget and work program for the full fiscal year. Call on Margit

MARGIT: For this agenda item, you have received three items.

First, you received an informal accounting of the last fiscal year; there was about \$87,000 remaining.

Second, you have the FY 96-97 budget change proposal which was submitted to cover the Commission's time extension; the Commission's budget is \$288,000 dollars, with the staffing at the same levels--two full time staff, and two students--and some funds available for consults. The Commission's full fiscal year budget was included in the Governor's budget for FY 96-97.

Third, you have a revised work program for the full year; which will basically expand the Commission's work over the full year; this starts on page 5. There are several items which the Commission may want to pursue with assistance of a consultant; if the Commission desires pursuit of those topics, more specific information about studies and budgets will be brought to you for your approval. You will note, there are no new major projects, I have added analysis of the impacts of CALFED on Primary Zone land uses, as suggested by Commissioner Ferreira. The CALFED alternatives may not be defined until next fiscal year, but I can comment to CALFED on the need to perform this analysis, as well as the Commission addressing this analysis.

I wanted to add, that the Commission has in the past directed staff to request that surplus finds be applied against the Commission's original loan from the ELPF; I would be glad to pursue that again on the Commission's behalf.

I would be glad to answer questions.

PAT: Any questions?

Any comments from the public?

Any discussion?

Needs MOTION, SECOND; and VOICE VOTE.

13. Commissioner Comments.

CHAIR: Are there any Commissioner comments or announcements?

14. Adjourn.

CHAIR: The meeting is adjourned.